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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 1995 (Paper No. 3), please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

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1. (Amended) A method of compression for transmission of encoded digital video signals having a variable number of data bits per image frame, comprising the steps of:

- a) detecting a first bit rate of [the] an encoded digital video signal bit stream;
- b) sequentially writing the encoded digital video signal bit stream into a buffer at the first bit rate;